



August 9, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Request for "Like Facility" Determinations Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann Section 58-33-110(1) (This Filing Does Not Involve any Change to the Retail Electric or Natural Gas Base Rates)
Docket No. 2021-83-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By Order No. 2021-438, dated June 18, 2021, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") granted Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC" or "Company") a "like facility" determination pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-33-110(1) for the new line segments created by folding the Jasper – Yemassee 230 kV #1 Line into the new Lakeside 230 kV Substation. In so doing, the Commission, among other things, required DESC to "file updates with the Commission and [the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff] regarding the project to modify the Jasper-Yemassee line and build the new substation." In compliance with Order No. 2021-438, the Company provides the following update regarding this project.

When the Company filed its Request in this docket on March 8, 2021, it indicated that the Lakeside 230 kV Substation equipment would be situated in the upper left hand corner of the Substation Project Area, as delineated in bold hashed black lines on Exhibit B to the Company's Request. The Company selected this orientation for the substation equipment to avoid a wetland pocket within the Substation Project Area, which was identified by a wetland survey performed in August 2015 when the Okatie 115 kV Station was constructed.

Subsequently, at the request of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, a new wetlands survey has been performed which identified the wetland pocket from the August 2015 survey as well as another wetland area inside the planned footprint of the Lakeside 230 kV Substation. As such, the Company will now be required to mitigate wetlands impacts regardless of where the substation equipment is situated within the Substation Project Area.

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In light of this information and in preparing the permit application, the Company considered whether the Lakeside 230 kV Substation equipment orientation included Exhibit B of the Company's Request is still the best orientation within the Substation Project Area. Specifically, the Company considered whether the substation equipment would be better situated at the lower end of the Substation Project Area as shown within the purple proposed substation fencing lines in the attached Exhibit A. The Company determined that the orientation shown in the attached Exhibit A would result in approximately \$974,000 less in transmission and substation construction costs and approximately \$400,000 less in necessary wetland mitigation costs.¹ As such, the Company now plans to orient the substation equipment at the lower end of the Substation Project Area as shown in the attached Exhibit A. This modification is not expected to delay completion of the project.

As a result of this modification, the Company will add the substation equipment as an extension of its existing Okatie 115 kV Switching Station instead of creating a new Lakeside 230 kV Substation. Once the project is completed, the Okatie 115 kV Station will be renamed the Okatie 230/115 kV Substation, and the new line segments resulting from the fold-in of the Jasper – Yemassee 230 kV #1 Line will be named the Jasper – Okatie 230 kV Line and the Okatie – Yemassee 230 kV Line (instead of the Jasper – Lakeside 230 kV Line and Lakeside – Yemassee 230 kV Line).

By copy of this letter, we are also providing a copy of this update to counsel for the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



Matthew W. Gissendanner

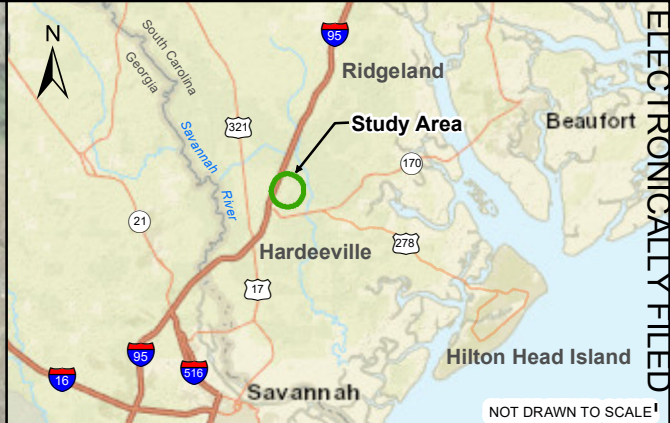
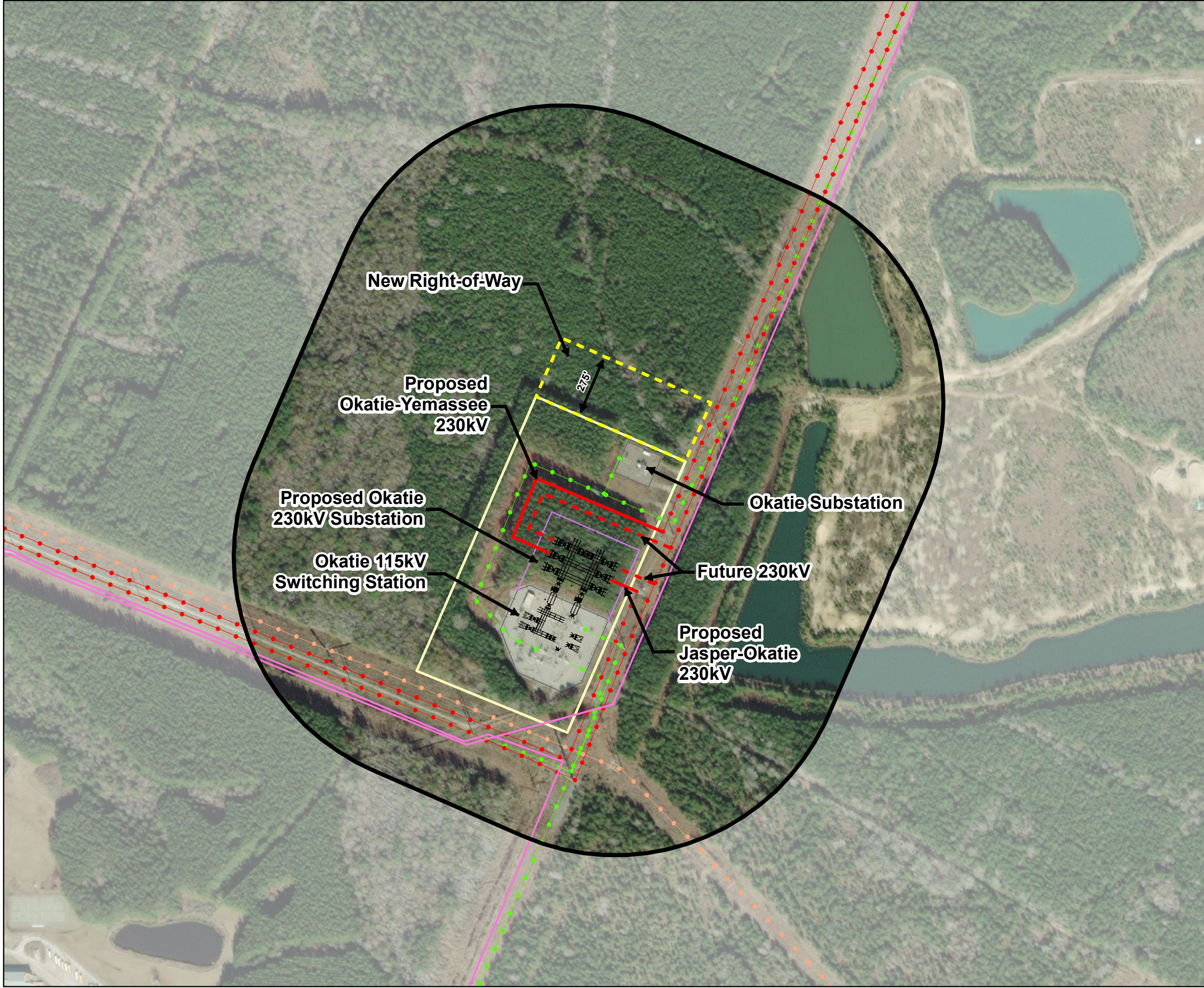
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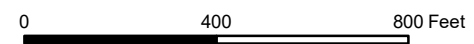
cc: Jeffrey M. Nelson, Esquire

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¹ The new orientation shown in the attached Exhibit A is approximately \$424,000 less than the proposal in the Company's March 8, 2021 Request with approximately \$974,000 less in transmission and substation costs and approximately \$550,000 more in wetland mitigation costs. However, as a result of the Company's reliance on the August 2015 wetland survey, the proposal in Company's March 8 filing did not account for approximately \$950,000 in wetlands mitigation costs that now must be incurred should the orientation in the March 8 filing be used. When these wetlands mitigation costs are included, the new orientation shown in Exhibit A costs approximately \$1,374,000 less than the orientation shown in the March 8 filing.



- Legend**
- Gas Pipeline
 - Proposed Dominion Energy 230kV Transmission Line
 - Future Dominion Energy 230kV Transmission Line
 - Proposed Substation Component
 - Proposed Substation Fence
 - Existing Substation Fence
 - Dominion Energy 115kV Transmission Line
 - Dominion Energy 230kV Transmission Line
 - Santee Cooper Transmission Line
 - New Right-of-Way
 - Route Corridor
 - Dominion Energy Property Line



Source: ESRI data imagery and Dominion Energy data

EXHIBIT A

**Jasper-Okatie 230kV
and Okatie-Yemassee 230kV
and Associated Facilities**

Jasper County, SC

